(c) whether recently it was unearthed that agents engaged for supply of oil from IOC were delivering tankers full of water to forward bases instead of oil;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the matter has been inquired into;

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(g) the action taken against persons found involved in this malpractice and fraud?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (g) The soldiers deployed in the Ladakh region are dependent on the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for supplies of petrol, diesel and kerosene which are delivered from Ambala to Leh in Bulk Petroleum Lorries (BPLs) by the IOC.

12 BPLs were dispatched from the IOC Depot at Ambala on 11th July, 2005. These lorries failed to reach the Field petroleum Depot, Leh on 16th July, 2005. A search for the missing lorries was organized by the Army authorities on 17th July, 2005 and 7 of the 12 BPLs were spotted in the Leh market. Their quality and quantity were checked by an independent Board of officers and it was discovered that all the 7 BPLs contained water instead of the required petroleum product. An FIR has been lodged with the Civil Police by the Army authorities. The drivers of these vehicles are in custody of the Civil Police, who are investigating the matter.

A court of Inquiry has been ordered by the Army authorities which is in progress. On receipt of the findings of the Court of Inquiry, necessary action will be taken.

Joint ventures in tea, coffee and agriculture related sectors

*258. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several countries have sought participation in Joint Ventures in sectors like tea, coffee and other agriculture related sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any country has signed any JVs with India so far during the last six months and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Investors from various countries have sought participation in joint ventures in tea, coffee and other agricultural related sectors.

(b) Details of country-wise approvals are given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House (*See* below).

(c) No approvals have been reported. Joint Ventures are not signed by the country but by investors.

Statement

Country-wise FDI approved for Joint Ventures from August, 1991 to May, 2005

	Name of the Country	Amount of Foreign Direct Investment Approved (Rs. in crore)
Tea	Sri Lanka	2.25
	Singapore	2.5
Coffee	Malaysia	0.01
Other	Australia	11.14
Agriculture	Belgium	4.3
related	British Virginia	0.25
sectors	Bulgaria	1.91
	Canada	0.65
	Cyprus	0.44
	Denmark	6.14
	France	2.6
	Germany	6.9
	Israel	50.75
	Italy	1
	Japan	4.13
	Kuwait	14.95
	Malaysia	9.27

Name of the Country	Amount of Foreign Direct Investment Approved (Rs. in crore)
Mauritius	174.28
Netherlands	261.28
Norway	13.95
Phillipines	1.84
Singapore	6.14
South Africa	3.43
Sri Lanka	1.52
Switzerland	0.46
Taiwan	3.25
Thailand	30.1
U.A.E.	30
U.K.	47.34
U.S.A.	108.65
Unindicated Countries	2.86
TOTAL	804.29

- NRI investments have not been included.
- Collaborations in which 100% equity in FDI are involved have not been included.
- Technical collaborations have been excluded.

Non-use of East Yard of Mazgaon Dock

*259. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mazgaon dock's twenty years old East Yard constructed at the cost of nearly Rs. 45 crore has been lying idle for the last ten years in the absence of any major submarine project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the yard had been specially built to manufacture submarines in addition to repairing and refitting the vessels; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigations in this regard?